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SUBJECT: **PROPOSED REDUCTION IN PROPOSITION 99 HEALTH EDUCATION
ACCOUNT FUNDING**

This is to notify you that the California Department of Public Health has informed local public health departments of proposed reduction in the Proposition 99 Health Education Account (HEA) funding to the California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP), totaling \$5.4 million in fiscal year (FY) 2012-13. CDPH indicates that the reduction is necessary to maintain a prudent reserve of Proposition 99 HEA revenues. As a result of this reduction, Los Angeles County's allocation for FY 2012-13 will be reduced by an estimated \$1,047,478, from \$3,257,160 in FY 2011-12 to \$2,209,682 in FY 2012-13. The County's share of the reduction is based on a funding formula for local lead agencies (local health departments) defined in state law.

The Department of Public Health is currently drafting a revised FY 2012-13 program plan and budget in preparation for the reduced allocation. Though we will make every effort to preserve key elements of the County's comprehensive tobacco control program, it is anticipated that the significant reduction in funding, if implemented, will adversely impact the delivery of comprehensive tobacco control and prevention services, including services prioritized for high need communities.

We will continue to keep you advised. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me.

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